

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A paper cassette for an image forming apparatus includes a cassette body, a pair of aligning plates, paper separating fingers, and a biasing member. The cassette body has a knock-up plate on which paper is stackable. The pair of aligning plates are disposed on the paper cassette body and moving in a widthwise direction for aligning paper stacked on the knock-up plate in the widthwise direction. The paper separating fingers are disposed on the aligning plates and are vertically movable to a predetermined distance above the aligning plates, for pressing against two corners of a leading edge of an uppermost sheet of paper stacked on the knock-up plate. The biasing member is connected to at least a side of one of the paper separating fingers, for increasing a relative downward pressure exerted by the paper separating finger on the uppermost sheet of paper stacked on the knock up plate.